

I oppose media concentration!

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, the Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules.

George Bush will APPRECIATE allowing the same company to own BOTH a television station AND a newspaper in the same COMMUNITYnow considered from the business vocabulary as a "MARKET".

Very few people will ever know what Chairman Powell has done to undermine the diversity of viewpoints that is essential for open competition in the market place of ideas. He's safe.

In fact, his future job prospects are enhanced by catering to media conglomerates who will benefit from this proposed change. The public interest is NOT SERVED, although this commission's DUTY is to serve it.

I'm not able to hire a lobbyist to ingratiate himself with the commission and represent my views to you. Sending you an E-mail is whilstling in the wind, I imagine. But it's all I can do.

The citizens of this country need people on your commission who are dedicated to principles and values, above special relationships with powerful people who love business deals involving merges and consolidations. Can you hear me?

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